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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Inventor(s): Vahid C. SAADAT et al.  
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SECURING GASTROINTESTINAL TISSUE FOLDS  
Examiner: Lang, Amy T.  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 28, 2009. Filed herewith are a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.